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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1-48 (cancelled)

Claim 49 (currently amended) - A method for editing a text document, comprising the steps of:

- a. inputting a text document to a computer system;
- b. conducting error-correcting functions to achieve clarity, conciseness and reader comfort; and,
- c. displaying said text document in a corrected form; and
- d. wherein, when a noun in a prepositional phrase interposed between a sentence's subject and verb is capable of action, said error-correcting functions comprise making said noun the subject of said sentence, and deriving a substitute verb from what said subject does.

Claim 50 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein said error-correcting functions comprise determining whether, in said text document, "responsible" followed by a gerund is present and, if present, for each said use of "responsible," replacing "responsible" with the verb form of said gerund.

Claim 51 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein said error-correcting functions comprise determining whether, in said text document, "It" is present as the first word of a sentence and, if present, for each said sentence, replacing "It" with words describing to whom or to what "It" refers.

Claim 52 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein said error-correcting functions comprise determining whether, in said text document, "There" is

present as the first word of a sentence and is followed by a weak verb and, if present, for each said sentence:

- i. deleting "There" and said following weak verb;
- ii. determining the topic of said sentence;
- iii. adjusting the subject and verb of said sentence in accordance with said sentence's topic.

Claim 53 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein, when said sentence includes three or more consecutive prepositional phrases, said error-correcting functions comprise moving one of said prepositional phrases to the beginning of said sentence.

Claim 54 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 53, wherein, when one prepositional phrase of said three or more consecutive prepositional phrases expresses location, further including the step of moving said location-expressing prepositional phrase to said beginning of said sentence.

Claim 55 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein, when a sentence includes three or more consecutive prepositional phrases, said error-correcting functions comprise reducing the object of a preposition in one of said prepositional phrases to an adjective, and placing said adjective in front of said sentence's subject.

Claim 56 (original) - The method of Claim 49, wherein, when a sentence includes both a weak verb and a gerund, said error-correcting functions comprise replacing said weak verb with the verb form of said gerund.

Claim 57 (original) - The method of Claim 56, further including the step of referring to a verb lookup list.

Claim 58 (cancelled)

Claim 59 (original) - The method of Claim 49, wherein, when a transition word is between a sentence's subject and verb, said error-correcting functions comprise moving said transition word to the beginning of said sentence.

Claim 60 (original) - The method of Claim 59, further including the step of referring to a transition word lookup list.

Claim 61 (original) - The method of Claim 49, wherein, when a sentence with a weak verb has an actor capable of action, said error-correcting functions comprise:

- i. replacing said sentence's subject with said action-capable actor; and,
- ii. replacing said weak verb with a strong verb.

Claim 62 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, further including the step of referring to a verb lookup list.

Claim 63 (previously presented) - A computer system capable of carrying out the method of Claim 49, comprising:

- a. a keyboard or communications link;
- b. a data storage device;
- c. an input/output controller;
- d. a memory element;
- e. a programmable processor; and
- f. a display terminal.

Claim 64 (previously presented) - The method of Claim 49, wherein said error-correcting functions comprise:

determining whether, in said text document, "responsible" followed by a gerund is present and, if present, for each said use of "responsible," replacing "responsible" with the verb form of said gerund;

determining whether, in said text document, "It" is present as the first word of a sentence and, if present, for each said sentence, replacing "It" with words describing to whom or to what "It" refers;

determining whether, in said text document, "There" is present as the first word of a sentence and is followed by a weak verb and, if present, for each said sentence:

- i. deleting "There" and said following weak verb;
- ii. determining the topic of said sentence;
- iii. adjusting the subject and verb of said sentence in accordance with said sentence's topic;

when said sentence includes three or more consecutive prepositional phrases, moving one of said prepositional phrases to the beginning of said sentence;

when a sentence includes both a weak verb and a gerund, replacing said weak verb with the verb form of said gerund;

when a transition word is between a sentence's subject and verb, moving said transition word to the beginning of said sentence; and

when a sentence with a weak verb has an actor capable of action:

- i. replacing said sentence's subject with said action-capable actor; and
- ii. replacing said weak verb with a strong verb.